

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, 1853 to 1854

Lessee Mr E. T. Smith

Stalls 5s.; dress boxes 4s.; pit 2s.; upper boxes 3s.; lower gallery 1s.; upper gallery 6d.

DATE	CURTAIN RAISER	MAINPIECE	AFTERPIECE	MATINEE
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Gustavus Brooke Season (performances in blue)

September				
Mon 5		Othello by <i>William Shakespeare</i>	The Fountain of Beauty <i>two-act burlesque by J. M. Kingdon</i>	
Tue 6		The Merchant of Venice by <i>William Shakespeare</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Wed 7		Othello	The Fountain of Beauty	
Thu 8		The Hunchback <i>tragedy by Sheridan Knowles</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Fri 9		Othello	The Fountain of Beauty	
Sat 10		Othello	The Fountain of Beauty	
Mon 12		A New Way to Pay Old Debts <i>drama by Philip Massinger</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Tue 13		Othello	The Fountain of Beauty	
Wed 14		A New Way to Pay Old Debts	The Fountain of Beauty	
Thu 15		The Hunchback	The Fountain of Beauty	
Fri 16		Othello	The Fountain of Beauty	
Sat 17		A New Way to Pay Old Debts	The Fountain of Beauty	
Mon 19		The Betrothal <i>comedy by G. H. Boker</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Tue 20		The Betrothal	The Fountain of Beauty	
Wed 21		Hamlet by <i>William Shakespeare</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Thu 22		The Hunchback	The Fountain of Beauty	
Fri 23		The Stranger <i>five-act drama by August von Kotzebue</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Sat 24		Virginius <i>five-act drama by Sheridan Knowles</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Mon 26		Hamlet	The Fountain of Beauty	
Tue 27		The Lady of Lyons <i>drama by Edward Bulwer Lytton</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Wed 28		The Stranger	The Fountain of Beauty	Othello
Thu 29		The Lady of Lyons	The Fountain of Beauty	
Fri 30		Richard III <i>adapted by Colley Cibber from Shakespeare</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
October				
Sat 1		A New Way to Pay Old Debts	The Fountain of Beauty	
Mon 3		Virginius	The Fountain of Beauty	
Tue 4		Henry IV Part 1 by <i>William Shakespeare</i>	The Old Curiosity Shop <i>adapted from Charles Dickens' novel by Edward Stirling</i>	
Wed 5		Hamlet	The Fountain of Beauty	
Thu 6		The Stranger	The Fountain of Beauty	
Fri 7		The Wife <i>five-act drama by Sheridan Knowles</i>	The Fountain of Beauty	
Sat 8		Virginius	The Fountain of Beauty	
Mon 10		Richard III	Very Suspicious <i>farce by Palgrave Simpson</i>	
Tue 11		The Lady of Lyons	Very Suspicious/The Waterman <i>comic opera by Charles Dibdin</i>	
Wed 12		The Hunchback	Very Suspicious	Virginius
Thu 13		Othello	Very Suspicious	
Fri 14		The Wife	Very Suspicious	
Sat 15		Richard III	Very Suspicious	
Mon 17		William Tell <i>drama by Sheridan Knowles</i>	Very Suspicious/The Waterman	
Tue 18		The Lady of Lyons	Very Suspicious/The Waterman	
Wed 19		Macbeth by <i>William Shakespeare</i>	Very Suspicious	
Thu 20				
Fri 21				
Sat 22				

Benefit for Gustavus Brooke

Benefit for Mr Emery

Benefit for E. T. Smith

American Equestrians

Stalls 5s.; boxes 4s. and 3s.; pit 2s.; lower gallery 1s.; upper gallery 6d.; second price at 9.00				
Mon 24		American Equestrians		
Tue 25		American Equestrians		
Wed 26		American Equestrians		
Thu 27		American Equestrians		
Fri 28		American Equestrians		
Sat 29		American Equestrians		
Mon 31		American Equestrians		

November				
Tue 1		American Equestrians		
Wed 2		American Equestrians		
Thu 3		American Equestrians		
Fri 4		American Equestrians		
Sat 5		American Equestrians		
Mon 7		American Equestrians		
Tue 8		American Equestrians		
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Fri 11		American Equestrians		
Sat 12		American Equestrians		
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Sat 19		American Equestrians		
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Fri 25		American Equestrians		
Sat 26		American Equestrians		
Mon 28		American Equestrians		
Tue 29		American Equestrians		
Wed 30		American Equestrians		American Equestrians

December				
Tue 1		American Equestrians		
Fri 2		American Equestrians		
Sat 3		American Equestrians		
Mon 5		American Equestrians		
Tue 6		American Equestrians		
Wed 7		American Equestrians		American Equestrians
Thu 8		American Equestrians		
Fri 9		American Equestrians		
Sat 10		American Equestrians		
Mon 12		American Equestrians		
Tue 13		American Equestrians		
Wed 14		American Equestrians		American Equestrians
Thu 15		American Equestrians		
Fri 16		American Equestrians		
Sat 17				American Equestrians
Mon 19		Bal Masqué (Masked Ball)		
Tue 20				
Wed 21				
Thu 22				
Fri 23				
Sat 24				

Benefit for Tom Barry

Matinee Benefit for E. T. Smith

BOXING DAY				
Stalls 5s.; dress boxes 4s.; pit 2s.; upper boxes 3s.; lower gallery 1s.; upper gallery 6d.; private boxes one to two guineas				
	Gwynneth Vaughan <i>drama by Mark Lemon</i>	Delicate Attentions <i>farce by John Poole</i>	King Hummingtop <i>pastorime by E. L. Blanchard</i>	
	Tue 27	Gwynneth Vaughan	Delicate Attentions	King Hummingtop
	Wed 28	Gwynneth Vaughan	Delicate Attentions	King Hummingtop
	Thu 29	Gwynneth Vaughan	Delicate Attentions	King Hummingtop
	Fri 30	Gwynneth Vaughan	Delicate Attentions	King Hummingtop
	Sat 31	Gwynneth Vaughan	Delicate Attentions	King Hummingtop

January				
Mon 2		The Begging Letter	King Hummingtop	
Tue 3		The Begging Letter	King Hummingtop	
Wed 4		The Begging Letter	King Hummingtop	King Hummingtop
Thu 5		The Begging Letter	King Hummingtop	
Fri 6		The Begging Letter	King Hummingtop	
Sat 7		The Begging Letter	King Hummingtop	
Mon 9		Paula Lazaro <i>drama by Mark Lemon</i>	King Hummingtop	
Tue 10		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Wed 11		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	King Hummingtop
Thu 12		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Fri 13		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Sat 14		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Mon 16		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Tue 17		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Wed 18		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	King Hummingtop
Thu 19		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Fri 20		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Sat 21		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Mon 23		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Tue 24		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Wed 25		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	King Hummingtop
Thu 26		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Fri 27		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	
Sat 28		Paula Lazaro	King Hummingtop	

Benefit for the Preston operatives

Gustavus Brooke Season (performances in blue)

Mon 30		Brutus <i>tragedy by Howard Payne</i>	King Hummingtop	
Tue 31		The Hunchback	King Hummingtop	
February				
Wed 1		Brutus	King Hummingtop	King Hummingtop
Thu 2		The Stranger	King Hummingtop	
Fri 3		Brutus	King Hummingtop	
Sat 4		Brutus	King Hummingtop	
Mon 6		Othello	King Hummingtop	
Tue 7		The Lady of Lyons	King Hummingtop	
Wed 8		The Hunchback	King Hummingtop	King Hummingtop
Thu 9		The Lady of Lyons	King Hummingtop	
Fri 10		The Stranger	King Hummingtop	
Sat 11		A New Way to Pay Old Debts	King Hummingtop	
Mon 13		Macbeth	King Hummingtop	
Tue 14		The Stranger	King Hummingtop	
Wed 15		Hamlet	King Hummingtop	The Four Mowbrays <i>comedy, author unknown</i> /King Hummingtop
Thu 16		The Hunchback	King Hummingtop	
Fri 17		The Lady of Lyons	King Hummingtop	The Four Mowbrays/ King Hummingtop
Sat 18		The Hunchback	King Hummingtop	
Mon 20		Othello	King Hummingtop	
Tue 21		The Beggar's Opera <i>ballad opera by John Gay</i> /My Man Tom <i>farce by Mark Lemon</i>	King Hummingtop	
Wed 22		Richard III	King Hummingtop	King Hummingtop
Thu 23		The Beggar's Opera	My Man Tom <i>farce by Mark Lemon</i> /King Hummingtop	
Fri 24		The Beggar's Opera	My Man Tom/ King Hummingtop	
Sat 25		Richard III	My Man Tom	
Mon 27		The Vendetta or the Corsican Brothers <i>drama by unknown adapter based on The Corsican Brothers by Alexandre Dumas</i>	The Beggar's Opera	
Tue 28		The Vendetta	The Beggar's Opera	

MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY				
Thu 2		The Vendetta	The Beggar's Opera	
Fri 3		The Vendetta	The Beggar's Opera	
Sat 4		The Vendetta	The Beggar's Opera	
Mon 6		The Corsican Brothers (same as The Vendetta)	<i>Midas burlesque, author unknown</i>	
Tue 7		The Corsican Brothers	Midas	
Wed 8		The Hunchback	Midas	Virginius
Thu 9		Virginius	My Cook and Housekeeper <i>farce, author unknown</i>	
Fri 10		The Corsican Brothers	My Cook and Housekeeper	
Sat 11		Virginius	My Cook and Housekeeper	
Mon 13		Hamlet	My Cook and Housekeeper	
Tue 14		Leonie <i>opera by Joseph Duggan</i> /Ballet	My Cook and Housekeeper	
Wed 15		Richard III	My Cook and Housekeeper	Leonie/ballet
Thu 16		Leonie/Ballet	My Cook and Housekeeper	
Fri 17		Leonie/Ballet	My Cook and Housekeeper	
Sat 18		Othello	Ballet	
Mon 20		The Corsican Brothers	Ballet	
Tue 21		A New Way to Pay Old Debts	Ballet/concert/ <i>last two acts of Leonie</i>	
Wed 22		Leonie/Ballet	My Cook and Housekeeper	
Thu 23		Virginius	Ballet/My Cook and Housekeeper	
Fri 24		Hamlet/Ballet	My Cook and Housekeeper	
Sat 25		Hamlet	Ballet	
Mon 27		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ <i>Chinese jugglers and knife-throwers</i> /The Star of the Rhine <i>ballet</i>	
Tue 28		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Star of the Rhine	
Wed 29		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Star of the Rhine	
Thu 30		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Star of the Rhine	
Fri 31		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Star of the Rhine	

Matinee Benefit for the wives and children of soldiers on the expeditionary force

Benefit for E. T. Smith

Benefit for The Benevolent Society of Foresters

April

Sat 1		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Star of the Rhine	
Mon 3		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Barber of Cadiz <i>comic ballet</i>	
Tue 4		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Barber of Cadiz	
Wed 5		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Barber of Cadiz	The Feast of the Dragon
Thu 6		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Barber of Cadiz	
Fri 7		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Barber of Cadiz	
Sat 8		Leonie	The Feast of the Dragon/ The Barber of Cadiz	

MAY

Mon 10		Promenade Concert		
Tue 11		Promenade Concert and Fancy Fair in aid of the families of the soldiers		
Wed 12		Promenade Concert and Fancy Fair in aid of the families of the soldiers		
Thu 13		Promenade Concert and Fancy Fair in aid of the families of the soldiers		
GOOD FRIDAY				
Sat 15				

Royal Opera, Drury Lane: Grand Opera in German, Italian and English with Ballet

Director Mr Jarrett

Stalls 7s.; dress circle 5s.; pit 2s.; first circle 4s.; second circle 3s.; galleries 1s.; private boxes one to three guineas (goes up to four guineas)

EASTER MONDAY		Norma by <i>Bellini</i>	Ballet	
Tue 18				
Wed 19		Norma		
Thu 20				
Fri 21		Norma		
Sat 22				
Mon 24		Lucrezia Borgia by <i>Donizetti</i>	Les Favorites du Sultan <i>ballet</i>	
Tue 25		Lucrezia Borgia	Les Favorites du Sultan	
Wed 26		Der Freischutz by <i>Auber</i>	Les Favorites du Sultan	
Thu 27		Der Freischutz	Les Favorites du Sultan	
Fri 28		La Sonnambula by <i>Bellini</i>	Ballet	
Sat 29		Der Freischutz	Les Favorites du Sultan	
May				
Mon 1		Lucrezia Borgia	Ballet	
Tue 2		Der Freischutz	Ballet	
Wed 3		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Thu 4		Der Freischutz	Ballet	
Fri 5		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Sat 6		Der Freischutz	Ballet	
Mon 8		Norma	Ballet	
Tue 9		Der Freischutz	Ballet	
Wed 10		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Thu 11		Der Freischutz	Ballet	
Fri 12		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Sat 13		Fidelio by <i>Beethoven</i>	Ballet	
Mon 15		Lucrezia Borgia	Ballet	
Tue 16		Der Freischutz	Ballet	
Wed 17		La Sonnambula	Une Fête en Olympe <i>ballet</i>	
Thu 18		Fidelio	Une Fête en Olympe	
Fri 19		La Sonnambula	Une Fête en Olympe	
Sat 20		Der Freischutz	Une Fête en Olympe	
Mon 22		Fra Diavolo by <i>Auber</i>	Une Fête en Olympe	
Tue 23		Don Giovanni	Une Fête en Olympe	
Wed 24		Fra Diavolo	Une Fête en Olympe	
Thu 25		Don Giovanni	Une Fête en Olympe	
Fri 26		La Sonnambula	Une Fête en Olympe	
Sat 27		Fidelio	Une Fête en Olympe	
Mon 29		Don Giovanni	Une Fête en Olympe	
Tue 30		Fra Diavolo	Une Fête en Olympe	
Wed 31		Der Freischutz	Une Fête en Olympe	

Benefit for M. Jarrett

Benefit for Signor Puzzi